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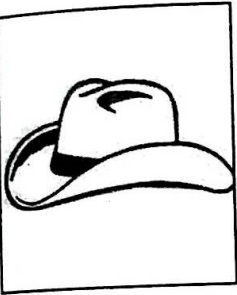
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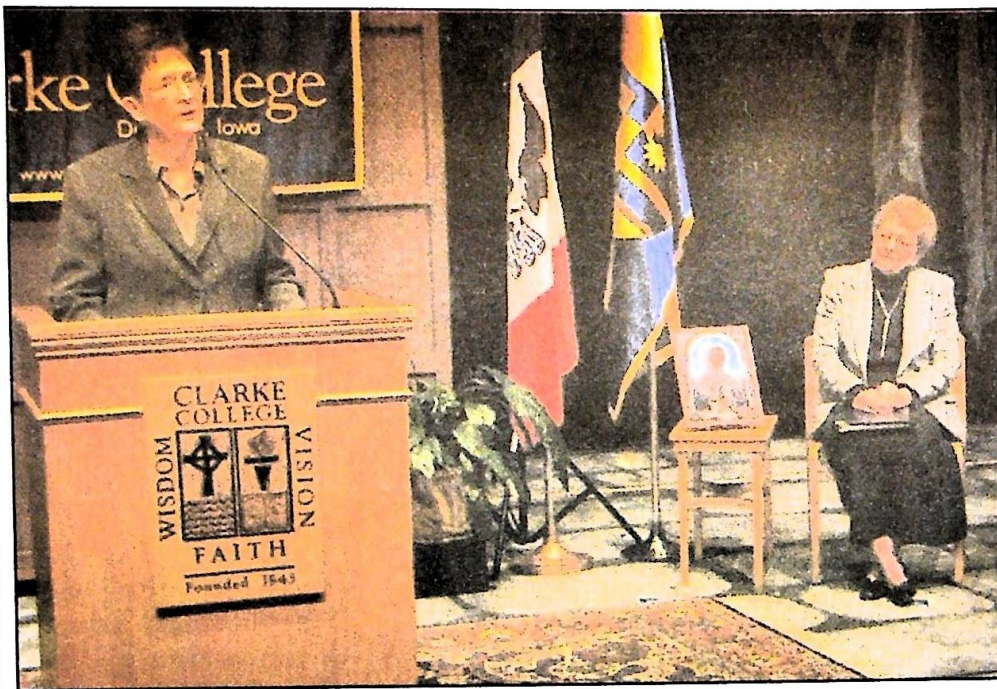
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Sister Joanne Burrows, named the 15th president of Clarke College, spoke to faculty, staff and students for the first time earlier this month.

Photo by Richie Miehle

Clarke's next president ready to take on challenge

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page 8 editor

Curiosity filled the air on Feb. 2 as faculty, staff and students packed Jansen Music Hall for a press conference announcing who would be the 15th president of Clarke College. When President Catherine Dunn, BVM, announced Joanne Burrows, SC, Ph.D., as her successor, the crowd broke out into a rumbly applause.

"I am very pleased and honored to be named the 15th president of Clarke College," Burrows said. "In the months preceding my election, as Clarke College and I got to know each other, I have come to admire the college community's dedication to its mission, the sense of community that permeates the campus, and the quality academic experience it offers students."

Burrows said that she is excited about all of the opportunities Clarke presents to her. She said she knows Clarke, like many other colleges and universities, faces many challenges to stay competitive in the market of higher education. She added that she feels that

the administration, faculty and staff possess the "commitment, ingenuity and discipline" needed to overcome these challenges.

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"I am fully prepared to commit myself, my creativity and energy to advancing Clarke College as a Catholic liberal arts college dedicated to graduating students prepared academically, morally and spiritually to become leaders in the workplace, church and society."

Clarke and we will develop and implement innovative and effective strategies for bringing that vision to life," Burrows said.

Many of Clarke's most influential people, including Catherine Dunn, feel that Burrows' extensive experience, including various administrative roles at Indiana State University, assistant academic dean at Holy Name College in California, assistant dean of students and director of residence life at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Ohio, and her current position as chief academic officer and academic dean at St. Mary-

of-the-Woods College in Terre Haute, Ind., make her the ideal choice to be the next leader at Clarke.

"I am very pleased with the Trustees' decision," Dunn said. "Joanne brings with her

a deep respect for our Catholic and BVM heritage as well as leadership abilities to take Clarke into the future. We are blessed to have a person with her talents and

with her commitment to Catholic higher education."

Burrows, who is a Sister of Charity of Cincinnati, said she feels the strong sense of commitment to the BVM heritage and it is clear that Clarke honors this heritage.

According to Sister Joellen McCarthy, president of the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM), while the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati and the BVM sisters have not been historically linked, the BVM community looks forward to building a closer relationship between the two communities.

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Cammie Dean differs with star on Black History Month

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Morgan Freeman
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In a December "60 Minutes" interview with Mike Wallace, prominent black Oscar-winning actor Morgan Freeman called a month dedicated to black history "ridiculous." "You're going to relegate my history to a month," said Freeman. "I don't want a black history month. Black history is American history."

Freeman said there is no white history month and designating a month for black history is part of a "labeling process that abets racism" and separates black history from American history. He even suggested that the only way to get over racism is to just stop talking about it and to address each other as people and not as black or white.

Director of Clarke Multicultural Student Services Cammie Dean disagrees with Freeman. "You can say that kind of stuff when you are a millionaire," said Dean.

She describes Freeman as having a recognizable face and being removed from the events that ordinary blacks are still experiencing daily.

"I would like to see a time when we don't need to dedicate a month, but until black history is inclusive with American history we have to set aside some time," said Dean.

"We aren't required to incorporate black history into our jobs or even to address the social issues faced by blacks such as racial profiling," said Dean. "There are only three states at this time that require schools to cover black history in their curriculum."

Dean backs up her point by saying students in her daughter's fourth-grade class responded that Martin Luther King Jr. freed the slaves when asked how he contributed to society in spite of the heavy coverage King receives in history books and from the black community.

Sophomore Sofia Buchanan also feels that Black History Month is still a necessity. "It's a special time to honor all the contributions black people have made and are still making," said Buchanan. "This month represents the time for individuals to dedicate more time to educating themselves and others on the important aspects of black history. February is not the only time that blacks are acknowledged; it's just the time we have set aside to give special attention to our history."

Senior Mishereen Ellis sides with Freeman on some of his views about Black History Month.

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This "Harry Potter" fan has a cat named Snitch after the Golden Snitch in the game of Quidditch in the Harry Potter series.

photo by Richie Miehle

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OPINION

You can't quit 'Brokeback Mountain'

The controversial film has found an audience in Dubuque

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One Oscar nominated film has received more buzz than others, receiving praise among many and stirring controversy with others. "Brokeback Mountain," starring Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal, is a movie that will be in the eyes and minds of people everywhere.

The movie is a love story about two young men, Jack and Ennis, who meet each other and make a life-long connection while working for a local rancher on Brokeback mountain. When the summer ends they go their separate ways and Jack marries a rodeo queen while Ennis marries his sweetheart.

Four years later Jack and Ennis contact each other and pick up right where they left off. They secretly meet up several times a year, and when they are apart they face the many questions of love.

"Brokeback Mountain" hit theaters

nationally in early December and came to Dubuque in January. The movie is playing at the Star Cinema and the Cinema Center in Dubuque. Nominated for eight Academy Awards including Best Actor and Best Picture, and the winner of four Golden Globe Awards including Best Picture, it seems that "Brokeback Mountain" will not be soon forgotten.

Controversy seems to be a word that is associated with "Brokeback Mountain" but not in Dubuque, according to Bill Adamany Jr., owner of the Dubuque Star Cinema.

"Brokeback Mountain was requested more in the Dubuque area than any other Star Cinema location," said Adamany.

"Nationally, yes there was some controversy, but in Dubuque there was none," said Adamany. "The opening

weekend it was number one at the Star Cinema."

Some in the Clarke Community feel a little taken aback by this movie. Some students loved it and some aren't so sure.

"It isn't a movie that I would be interested in," said freshmen Daphne Vrstal. "But I still might see it when it comes out on video because of all the talk associated with the movie."

Sophomore Brittney Reed said, "When it comes out on video I will definitely see it, even though it's not your typical movie. The content is not going to stop me from seeing it."

"This is the kind of movie that stays with you for days," said Joe Klinebriel, a professor in the drama and speech department. "It's a movie that is tastefully done and filled with genuine passion."

From the Editors...

Amanda Martin and Emily Wilgenbusch



Many have wondered where our precious school newspaper had gone, others had no idea we had a newspaper. Well in any case we are back and ready to fill you with the college's events, important issues and gossip that affect the Clarke community, Dubuque and even nationally.

To freshmen and transfer students, welcome to Clarke!

Students, faculty and staff, we want to hear from you. Do you need a place to express your opinions? Do you want to respond to anything you read in this issue of the "Courier"? Send your letters to the editors to Amanda.Martin@Clarke.edu or Emily.Wilgenbusch@Clarke.edu. Hope your semester is off to a great start!

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"We know that Joanne deeply understands and lives BVM values, and will continue to make them foundational and functional as this Catholic college moves confidently into the future," McCarthy said in a statement.

Burrows was elected unanimously by Clarke's Board of Trustees. In his remarks, Thomas Lynch, chair of the board, thanked President Dunn for her many years of service to Clarke. He also named some of the qualities that made Burrows stand out among the other candidates.

"My first job will be to listen a lot and hear what people aspire to."

"We believe that she brings with her the passion, talents, and energy that will form the basis of her leadership and that will take Clarke College forward," Lynch said.

Burrows said, "Now, I wear a size 10 shoe, however, Sister Catherine Dunn leaves

very large figurative shoes to fill." She also said that she has prepared for and awaited the opportunity to become the president of a college.

"My aspirations are not motivated by the power or esteem associated with a college presidency, but rather by the awesome responsibility of it," Burrows said. "I am fully prepared to commit myself, my creativity and energy, to advancing Clarke College as a Catholic liberal arts college dedicated to graduating students prepared academically, morally and spiritually to become leaders in the work place, church and society."

Following the press conference, Burrows said she is "delighted" to be named Clarke's next president. Burrows will take office on July 1, 2006. When the students return next fall, Burrows said her first job will be to listen a lot and hear what people aspire to.

Welcome to Clarke, Joanne Burrows

"I feel very encouraged for the future of the college because I think she brings experiences and personal qualities that are needed for the transition."

-Louise Ottavi, former long-time academic dean of undergraduate study

"I am excited about the future. She is a good match for our institution."

-Louise Kames, art department chair, presidential search committee member

"I think she'll be a great president in the years to come. She has a great sense of humor, and she'll bring a lot of spirit to Clarke College."

-Emily Nelson, sophomore

"She has a lot of experience with different programs at the graduate level and for adult students. She has a lot of good ideas and experience to bring to us."

-Kate Hendel, BVM, academic dean of graduate study

"I think she will carry on a good tradition just as Catherine has done."

-Anne Miller, junior

"I'm excited. I think she offers fresh air to the college."

-John Lease, associate professor of music

"She is very aware of what our challenges are in Admissions, and I think she will bring insight and experience for recruitment and retention of students. She knows what the college's vision is of enrollment and is a proponent of that."

-Andy Schroeder, director of Admissions

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"I agree with him when he says that black history is American history," said Ellis. "By making it a specific month, it alienates the history of blacks as if it is not American history. It should not be subjected to only one month. It should be incorporated into American history and should be taught and focused on all year round like all other American history."

Freeman's comments on Black History Month have sparked much speculation about the need to have a designated month to celebrate black history. Some side with Freeman and his theory of purifying the nation of racism, while others want to protect the time set aside to pay reverence to the accomplishments of blacks until they feel there is no longer a need for a Black History Month.

The celebration of black history originated from black historian Carter G. Woodson's Negro History Week.

In 1926 the second week of February, which marks the births of black abolitionist Frederick Douglass and of Abraham Lincoln, was dedicated to Negro History Week.

Woodson hoped that the week would be eliminated once "Black history became fundamental to American history."

In 1976 the week was extended to an entire month and has been an important part of black culture.

"If a race has no history, it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor and it stands in danger of being exterminated." ~Carter G. Woodson

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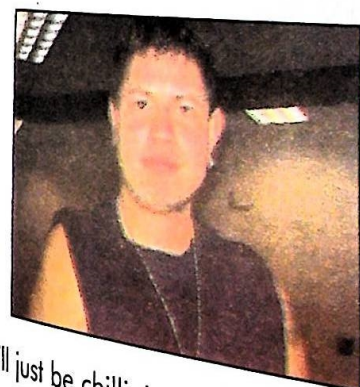
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The ultimate tell me lies, tell me sweet little lies...
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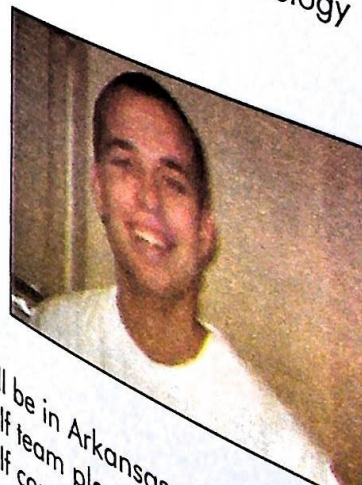
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CAMPUS LIFE

The ultimate test of willpower

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trating on my abs and my pectoral muscles, and I am also running as much as I can."

"I just think about it or try to keep myself motivated," said Carolyn Strang, a sophomore biology and education major. "I've had a harder time keeping up with flossing, but my mom bought me a new thing of floss so that has reminded me to start doing it."

Junior CIS major Mac Kirksey's New Year's resolution was to stop procrastinating. How's it going?

"Not too good," he said. "I carry a day-time organizer which helps a little bit. It's hard to get motivated after a break from school."

Senior business management major Erik Vogt is focusing more on school. "I am applying to schools and focusing on my senior year."



Short Circuit?

Omar Sinno, junior, records the amount of time it takes for a Hempstead high school students' robot to navigate a maze. The Clarke Robotics Contest, sponsored by Clarke's computer science department, was Jan. 27 at Clarke.

photo courtesy of Abdul Sinno

Captivated by the chase for gold

maggie burns
staff writer

Ice skating and skiing seem to be the hot sports on campus to watch during these Winter Olympic Games taking place in Torino, Italy. Though many students do not have time to watch the games they still have their favorite sports.

"I'm not really watching the Olympics this year," said senior Tami Jo Phillips. "I don't have time to watch them but if I was I would be watching curling, ice skating or skiing," Phillips said.

Freshman Luke Kufahl is looking forward to watching ice hockey. The event that seems to be most popular is the figure skating and skiing. Some students may take an interest in skiing because it is a sport they have a passion for, like senior Kelly Schleicher.

Schleicher has watched the opening ceremonies for as long as she

can remember and this year missed them because she had to work.

"This is the first time I have missed the opening ceremonies of the Olympics because it has been a family tradition for me," Schleicher said. "But I can't wait to watch the alpine skiing and see my favorite, Bode Miller."

"I can't wait to watch the figure skating and that sport they do in the movie 'Cool Runnings,' oh yeah, bobsledding," said sophomore Melissa Shanks.

At this year's games a truce book is being kept with the slogan, "If we can have peace for 16 days, maybe we could have it forever." This book and slogan is being used to hopefully help with peace issues around the world. This book is available for all to sign, not just athletes attending the games.

On The Streets

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What will you be doing
over winter break?



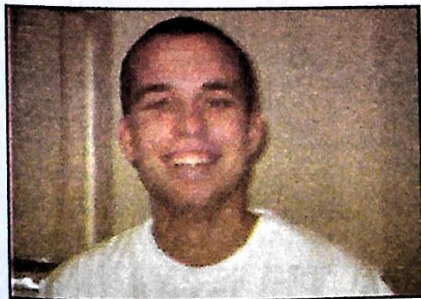
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"I'll be practicing and writing music. Also somewhere in there, I'll be going to a jazz concert in Chicago."

~Adam Zeimet, senior music major



"I'll be in Arkansas with the Clarke golf team playing on seven different golf courses and definitely having a nice time."

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"I'm going to Nashville with my roommate Dani. Our main plan is to relax and look for famous people."

~Rachel Ward, junior communication major

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The Force was strong with these films

Presenting the 2006 Golden Yoda awards

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copy editor

In a few weeks, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences will be holding its annual awards ceremony, recognizing what its voting members feel to be the most outstanding achievements in film over the past year. Popularly, this ceremony is known as the Oscars, and it's the entertainment industry's biggest night.

But stepping away from that stuffy, formal junk for a minute, let's take a look and examine the real achievements of 2005's movies. Who cares about an outstanding effort in sound mixing? Let's get to the real meat and potatoes.

So, without further ado, I present to you the Golden Yoda Awards.

BEST MOVIE THAT NO ONE SAW: "Lord of War." Mixing his characters from "Matchstick Men" and "Adaptation," Nicolas Cage is outstanding in his portrayal of a slightly neurotic, ultra-ambitious arms dealer. This darkly humorous exploration of the arms trade delves into serious questions of morality and what it takes to get ahead in our world. Don't miss it.

MOVIE VISUALS THAT MAKE YOU GO "WOW": "Sin City." Comic-to-film translations have ranged from excellent ("Batman Begins") to downright awful ("Blade Trinity") in recent times, but none have had the audacity to attempt a total reproduction of a comic book's pages on the screen. Until "Sin City," that is. Filmed with sophisticated computer techniques that mimicked the art of Frank Miller's original work, "Sin City" is quite simply amazing to look at. Its black-and-white visuals combined with the neo-noir design create a feast for the eyes.

BETTER THAN IT HAD ANY RIGHT TO BE: Every so often, a movie comes along and it's just far better than any rational-thinking person would have ever expected. In 2005, it was "Hitch." Honestly: Will Smith in a cheesy,

sappy romantic comedy? Recipe for disaster, you'd think. But in a shocker, it turned out to be a really very funny and very heartfelt comedy.

SILLIEST TITLE: Why is it so hard to come up with a good title for a movie? Every year, it seems like titles get worse. But there's one that just hurts my brain every time I ponder it. Robert Rodriguez, I award you the Golden Yoda for "The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl in 3D." And I ask you to please stop drinking when titling your films.

BEST ADULT COMEDY: In a genre once dominated by classics like "Animal House" and "Porky's," there have been precious few noteworthy entries over the past few years. But there was a rebound in 2005, with "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" taking the crown. Steve Carell is a comic genius. Nothing more needs to be said. Except, perhaps, "waxing."

THE PLEASE STOP MAKING SEQUELS AWARD: "Miss Congeniality 2" ... "Saw II" ... "Cheaper by The Dozen 2" ... "Transporter 2" ... "The Ring Two" ... whoever wins, we lose.

BEST MOVIE WITH LOTS OF STUFF GETTING BLOWN UP: This is always a spirited battle, year after year, and 2005 was no exception. But "Star Wars Episode 3: Revenge of the Sith" is the runaway winner in this category. Sure, the movie itself ranges from "decent" to "embarrassing." But in the end, you get to see the whiny, self-righteous Anakin Skywalker hacked to pieces and become the Ultimate Movie Bad Guy, Darth Vader. And you can't beat that.

BEST TALKING ANIMAL: This was a tight competition this year, and voting was expected to be tight. There were several strong contenders: the gigantic lion from "Narnia," Chicken Little. Tom Cruise. But in a surprise victory, the penguins from "Madagascar" take home the Golden Yoda. Skipper the Penguin will go alongside "Shrek's" Donkey and



Photo Illustration by Tim Brechlin

Chuck Norris as one of America's greatest heroes.

BEST JOHNNY CASH MOVIE: In a field with such strong competitors as "Walk the Line," the brilliant "Walk the Line" and the heartwarming "Walk the Line," it was tough for the Yoda Award Committee to select a winner. But in the end, "Walk the Line" came home with the trophy and the eternal praise of the Jedi Master.

BEST DESTRUCTION OF A ONCE-PROMISING CAREER: Vin Diesel and wrestler-turned-actor The Rock both take this one home in a tie. Both looked ready to assume the mantle of Action Hero Superstar, a title once held by such great talents as Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jean-Claude Van Damme, Bruce Willis and Sylvester Stallone. But both men have shown how easily a career can be ruined. "The Pacifier," Vin? Honestly, Rock: "Doom?" What were you guys thinking?

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What is in your CD player?	"The Gorillaz"	"IL Divo" Simon Callwell's new group.	A mixed CD. There is a little bit of everything on it	The "Rent" Soundtrack
What is the last movie you saw?	"Friday Night Lights"	"Brokeback Mountain"	"Batman Begins"	"Into the Blue"
What TV show are you into?	"The Shield"	Any cooking shows.	"Will and Grace"	"Law and Order"
What book is on your nightstand?	"Neuroscience"	"Where the River Runs"	Anything by Nora Roberts	"Corporate Tax"

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staff writer

Shakespeare's classic comic tale, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," featuring a rag-tag group of bumbling craftsmen and a magical and mischievous fairy world, comes alive in a shortened version for children of all ages presented by the Clarke drama department this weekend.

This 55-minute kid-friendly performance will cover two of the three story lines from Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." This is not your typical Shakespeare play. With a theme for children, it will be easy for anyone to finally understand Shakespeare.

"These performances are designed to help kids understand and appreciate Shakespeare," said junior Melissa Dahle, who plays Queen Titania. "The play has a very majestic design and costuming so it is fun for all ages."

Abby, played by junior Abby Schultz, is a child studying for her Shakespeare test. She will get help from her fellow cast members as they put on their performance of the "Enchanted Fairy World," a story line from "A Midsummer Night's Dream," to help her study and understand the meaning of Shakespeare's words.

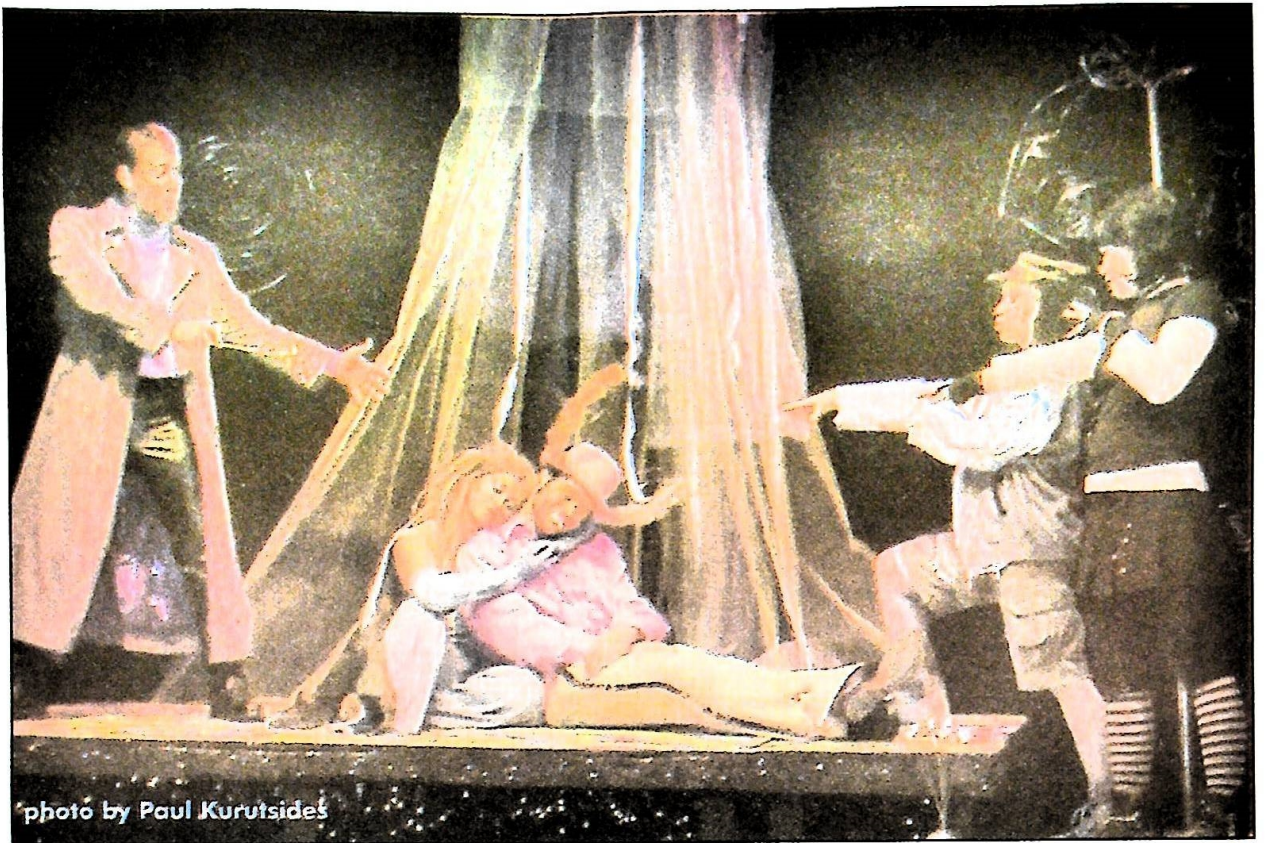


photo by Paul Kurutsides

Clarke's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" opens tonight in Terence Donaghoe Hall at 7:30 p.m.

"We talk about the rhythm of the language, compare it to hip hop and rap. The poetic forms he used are used today," said Joe Klinebriel, the play's director and assistant professor of drama and speech.

From spells to transforming men into donkeys, you're sure to get a laugh from this cast of 10 played by seniors April Schuller and Lauren Kapolnek; juniors Mike Link, Melissa Dahle and Nick Booth; sophomores Brigid Kelley, Abby Schultz, Colin Muenster, Nick Westemeyer and Holly Feser, along with assistant director and stage manager Allison Padley.

This traveling cast will do four performances at Clarke between Feb. 16-18, and 16 performances at surrounding schools and museums, including the Dubuque Museum of Art and the Ohnward Fine Arts Center in Maquoketa, between Feb. 21 and May 4. Show times for the performances at Clarke's Terence Donaghoe Hall are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, as well. Tickets can be purchased at the switchboard in the Clarke Atrium, \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, with free admission to the Clarke community.

Commit this band to memory

liz korzelik
arts etc. editor

As we all drown in this sea of copy cats and lip singers, few bands help to keep music lovers afloat. Thankfully, Motion City Soundtrack is a band to hang on to. With hard rock lyrics like Modest Mouse and vocals like Weezer, this group still has a sound all its own.

Sadly, it seems that no matter how great they are, MCS just can't beat the sophomore album curse. "Commit This to Memory" didn't

live up to all the hype surrounding it. The group's first album, "I Am the Movie," did nothing less than rock out. That album set the bar high and they completely missed it this time around; I expected so much more out of this album. Even having Mark Hoppus, of Blink 182, on board this time around didn't help. They had all the ingredients for an amazing album and under-achieved. Nonetheless, this is a pretty good 40 minutes of music.

MCS is one of those bands that straight out says what everyone else is thinking. The "Attractive Today" lyrics, "When I just want to feel alive/For the first time in my life/I just want to feel attractive today," hit most people whether they would admit it or not. "Everything is Alright" kicks it up with, "I'm sick of the things I do when I'm nervous / Like cleaning the oven or checking my tires / Or counting the number of tiles in the ceiling," playing into everyday human ticks. Lyrics aside, the group rhythms are genius and this is where MCS's magic comes out.

I have faith in this band and hope they pull out all the stops next time around. Keep an eye on these guys; they have the talent to last a long time and do a lot better. For those who like MSC, a band also to try is Panic! At the Disco. Panic! has close to the same sound as MCS, but with a little more hard rock behind them.

Motion City Soundtrack
members: Joshua Cain, Tony
Thaxton, Justin Pierre, Jesse
Johnson, and Matthew Taylor



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SPORTS

Men's and Women's Basketball '05-'06

Hard work and tradition fuel success on the court

chris kleitsch
staff writer

Tradition is a big part of Jon Davison's Crusader basketball squad. "Before every game they pray before taking the floor," said Dan Wendler, Clarke's men's assistant junior varsity coach. Wendler has been a part of the team for four years now and said that this has been going on for as long as he can remember.

Once the teams are out on the floor, the Clarke team will start a slow clap to get the crowd ready for the game. When the boys win a battle, they start their celebration in the locker room with a clap and chant, then the famous shower of Gatorade for whoever played the best that night.

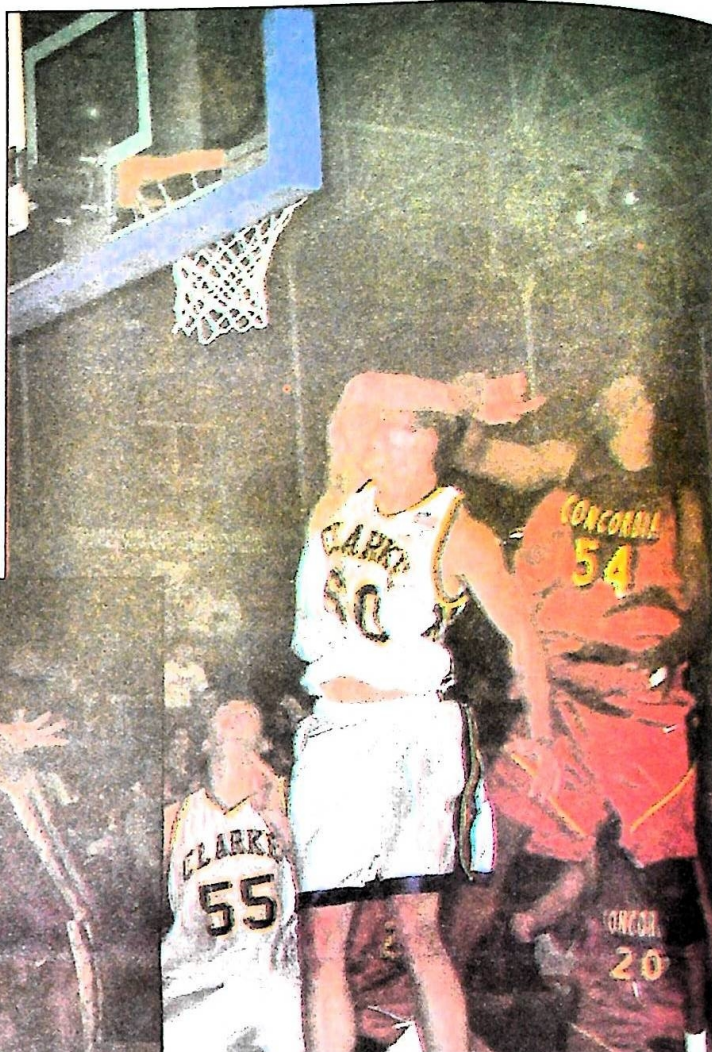
Every week Davison has an award called the "Crusader Award" that's given to the player that shows the best hustle in practice. It doesn't end there, the players also have a ladder in the locker room, as strange as that sounds. For every team they beat, they put its name on the next step up. Also in the locker room there is a wall of fame. This is for the game highs in a number of categories like steals, rebounds and free throw percentage.

The famous men's and women's Holiday Tourney brings people from near and far to watch some of the best Division III basketball teams in the country. This is one of the biggest traditions of Clarke basketball with the traditional three point and dunk contest.

The men's team has multiple goals this season, including being the first team from Clarke to win the conference championship and the conference tournament. Because they are not guaranteed a bid to the national tournament if they were to win the conference, they are going to have to prove that they belong in the big show just as much as all the other teams from other conferences.

On the women's side of things, they don't tend to have too many traditions, just a good work ethic. The women set their goals high, according to coach Joan Steffen. Goals include scoring at least 60 points per game, holding their opponents to less than 55 points, placing third or better in the Holiday Tournament and, as always, beating the in-town rivals Loras and UD in the Thanksgiving Tourney.

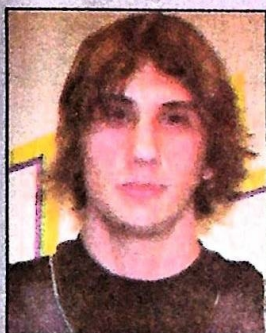
In coach Steffen's fourth season she expects her team to out-hustle their opponents every play of the game. Hard work is something that she tries to stress every day. "We work hard each day on the court, in the classroom and during rehab," Steffen said. "We have five players on the injured list right now and only seven healthy, so we have to continually encourage others to do their best and step up to the challenge."



Battling it out on the hardwood, the Clarke basketball teams take on Concordia College.

Above photos by Richie Miehle
Below photos by Nate Lech

Time out with...

spencer tylin
staff writer

Jimmie Johnstone
Freshman
Secondary education
Chicago

Why did you start playing basketball?
My parents encouraged me to play.
What basketball player inspired you?

Kirk Heinrich because I like the way he plays and moves the ball around the court.

What is your best memory of playing at Clarke?

Dunking over teammate Adam Naeve.

If you could play 1-on-1 with anyone, who would it be?

Fred Flintstone 'cause he's old school.

What is your favorite inspirational quote?

"When the roosters are crowin' and the cows are spinning circles in the pasture, DUCKS FLY TOGETHER!"

photos by nate lech



Jessi Briggs
Senior
Nursing
Albany, Wisconsin

Why did you start playing basketball?
Because I'm tall. (6 ft.)

What basketball player inspired you?
Michael Jordan.

What is your best memory of playing at Clarke?
When we beat Loras because I used to go there.

If you could play 1-on-1 with anyone, who would it be?
Mike Wilkinson... I love him.

What is your favorite inspirational quote?

"If you're trying to achieve, there will be roadblocks. I've had them; everybody has had them. But obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it." - Michael Jordan



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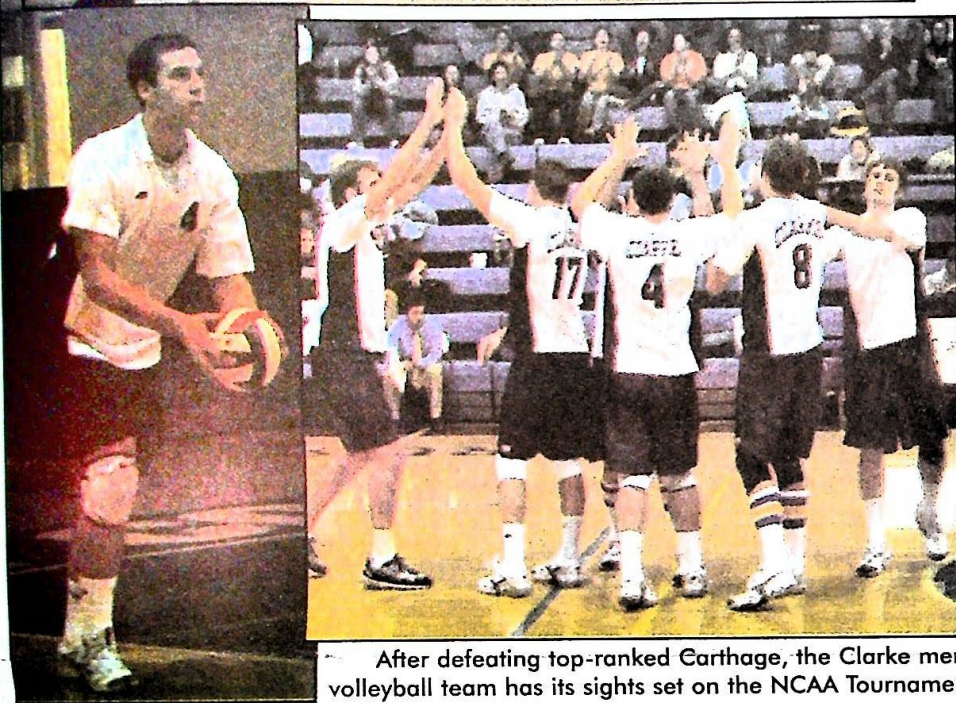
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SPORTS

Determined Crusaders topple mighty rival

Photos by Richie Miehle



After defeating top-ranked Carthage, the Clarke men's volleyball team has its sights set on the NCAA Tournament.

sarah bradford
sports editor

The Crusaders men's volleyball team dethroned regional rivals and top-ranked Carthage on Sunday, Jan. 29 after an epic five-game match, winning 30-27, 24-30, 34-32, 26-30 and 15-12.

Clarke's offense, its number one strength according to first-year coach Chris Miron, is what kept the team alive. Leading scorers include Tyler Galstad with 17 kills and Andy Accacian with 53 assists.

Carthage was a match Clarke had been looking forward to since day one of the season. The eighth-ranked Crusaders knew they could beat their opponent but it wouldn't be easy.

"We were confident, but we were not cocky," said sophomore athletic training major Andy Accacian. "Carthage is a good team; they are experienced and they play hard."

But Clarke played just as hard, forcing a fifth game on the Redmen. To stay focused the Crusaders took it one point at a time. According to Accacian they had to stay positive the entire match and continue to be intense after every point.

"We were able to not let mistakes get to us and shook off any errors that happened," Coach Miron said. "They just

wanted it that bad."

After the win, the Crusaders were far from surprised. Accacian said they felt "awesome;" they had just accomplished one of their biggest goals. At the beginning of the season Coach Miron and his Crusaders set a goal to beat every Division III team they faced and to take away as many games as possible from Division I and II schools. Not only did the Crusaders beat Carthage, they also went 4-0 over the entire weekend. The heart of their success was their goals.

"We went out knowing what we had to do and we won," Accacian said.

Clarke beat Central State University (30-10, 30-11 and 30-9) and Milwaukee School of Engineering (30-15, 30-19, 30-25) on Saturday before repeating themselves on Sunday, beating Central State (30-8, 30-17, 30-8) and Carthage.

The weekend was like a spark plug for the rest of the Crusader season. Their ultimate goal is to be able to host the 2006 Division III tournament and to win it, which will get them an invitation to the Molten Division III tournament.

To get there they have to focus on the present and take things one game at a time. Clarke's next home match will be on Sunday against Ohio State University.

Fall athletes make their mark

Soccer, cross country, women's volleyball experience strong seasons

gwen hayes
staff writer

Clarke College athletes blew into the fall season with the autumn wind. Goals were set high for each team's 2005 season. Men's and women's soccer teams fought to defend their remarkable 2004 seasons, women's volleyball had the challenge of welcoming a new coaching staff, the cross country team tried to make due with the small number of runners and all teams battled with any coach's nightmare, injuries.

The men's soccer team had a slow start, but began showing strides as the season went on. One highpoint of the season was beating UD in a low scoring defeat.

"Beating our biggest rival was insane," said junior Adam Van Cleave. "It was the first time we have beaten them since I've played for Clarke."

Junior Brandon Running led the team with seven goals and three assists. Also helping out with the offensive attack were sophomore team captain Tim Teliszczak and freshman Tyson Dietrich. The men's team ended the season with five wins, 13 losses and two ties.

The women's soccer team started out strong with a big win against Knox College. It then tied Platteville and played a heartbreaking double overtime game which ended with a loss to UD. As the season went on the team was plagued with injuries, which led to a frustrating season.

"I think the injuries that occurred this year were a challenge, yet they made us grow together as a team," said sophomore Veronica Ragan. "I hope that we can prevent these injuries from happening through treatment and off season training."

Women were led offensively by junior Melissa Mennig and sophomore Alex Arasmith, who accounted for over half of the team's offensive production. Freshman Emily Rossini also played a big role until being sidelined with an injury

midway through the year.

"Our goals for next season for both the men's and women's teams are to stay healthy and to compete in every game," said assistant coach Andres Leza. "There is a lot of promise and potential for next season. With a little commitment and attitude, I believe Clarke soccer can surprise some people and turn a few heads." The women's team ended the season with five wins, 13 losses and one tie.

"The men's and women's cross country teams were small in numbers but big in accomplishments."

The men's and women's cross country teams were small in numbers but big in accomplishments. Senior captains Josh Sundstrom and Julie Bahl held the team together and motivated the runners to do their best. Overall both the men's and women's team progressed with each meet. They improved their times and learned to run as a tighter pack throughout the races.

The women's team had hoped to win conference again; however, the course wasn't marked properly and the leaders of the race ran the wrong course. Unfortunately that put them in second place, losing by only two points. However, most of the women finished their season with a personal best.

"I will always remember the conference meet just because I was so impressed with how the women's team handled the situation," said Coach Tammy Kallback. "Even with the setback they represented themselves and Clarke with such dignity."

The women's volleyball team had many new beginnings with fresh faces to the team, including the coach. It was a steady developmental year for the team. Finishing third in the conference was a huge step for the Crusaders. They had lost to Eureka during the regular season in a very tight match. The scores could have gone either way. They faced Eureka again in the third place match of the NIIC Conference tournament and won the match allowing Clarke to take home third place. It is difficult to lose a semi-final match and come out strong in a third place match, but they did just that.

"No one expected us to end up as well as we did," said sophomore Hillary Waddell. "It is always challenging working with new teammates and especially a new coach, but we ended the year with a positive mindset and high goals for next season. We will still be building then, but I think we made a great foundation last fall."

Captains Amber Naumann and Andrea Nie led the team this year. Naumann has moved to fourth place overall in career kills, while Nie currently holds the fifth place position in the Clarke record book.

"There was a positive mental statement that I tried to instill in the team this year: 'I've got the next one,'" said coach Chris Miron. "My hope is that it can be carried off the court, too. Whether you win or lose, play well or make some mistakes, you always have to be ready for the next ball. This is true off the court in everything we do...in classes, with family, with friends...we need to be ready for what comes next. It was a great year and I enjoyed working with the ladies. I am already looking forward to next fall."

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What's happening at Clarke?

February 16-March 9

February 16

2 p.m.- Career Extravaganza (Kehl Center)
6 p.m.- Organ, Tissue and Eye Donation Lecture (JMH)

February 17

7 p.m.- Art Reception: Eric Schlueter, BA painting exhibit (Quigley Gallery)
7:30 p.m.- "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (TDH)
Live Entertainment- Bean Scene

February 18

2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.- "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (TDH)
9 p.m.- Battle of the Bands

February 24

7 p.m.- Residence Halls Close
7 p.m.- Art Reception: Damon Carr, BFA painting exhibit (Quigley Gallery)

February 25- March 5

Winter Break

March 7

7 p.m.- Danielle Pierce Memorial Lecture (JMH)

March 9

7:30 p.m.- Wind Ensemble Concert: Mozart Mania (JMH)

Creative marriage proposals for Clarke students

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staff writer

Coming up with creative ways to propose has become an obsession. Clarke students Leigh Ann Koopmann, Holly Kueter and Maggie Burns all got proposed to over Christmas break in unique and special ways.

"I came back to school this semester and it seems like half the student body got engaged," said senior communication major Tim Brechlin. Funny enough, Tim also got engaged.

Homemade pumpkin pie never looked so good in the eyes of Tim's girlfriend of one year, Katy. Over break, Tim cooked Katy a four-course meal and put a one-third carat diamond solitaire on her dessert plate.

Senior TimeSaver student Holly Kueter has been walking around a little lopsided since Dec. 17 due to her princess cut diamond. After her fiancé Matt took her to dinner for her birthday, Holly thought they were going to Target but somehow they ended up in the Port of Dubuque on the riverwalk. Matt told Holly he wanted to show her something and led her out into the cold and sat her down on "their" bench. Matt told Holly how much she means to him and how he makes her feel and by that time Holly knew what

was going on.

"I started to tear up and so did he," said Holly, who laughed and admitted to being a sap. "He then got down on one knee in the freezing cold and asked me to marry him."

Senior basketball player Leigh Ann Koopmann also got led out into the cold for a proposal. Koopmann's boyfriend of five months, Greg, coaxed her out into the snow on the baseball diamond where they first met and asked her to spend the rest of her life with him.

Leigh Ann said she knew Greg was the one because of the way he truly loved her and would do anything for her or her family.

Senior Chicago native Maggie Burns is another who came back from break with a ring to show off. Kyle, Maggie's boyfriend of two years, surprised her with a one carat diamond she had picked out but wasn't expecting for a few more months.

Kyle had a gift all wrapped up for

Maggie but told her she could not open it until she was under the big Christmas tree outside the Daley Center in Chicago, near where they had met some friends for lunch that day. Maggie didn't like the idea of walking all the way to the tree.

"He practically dragged me over to the tree with me fighting it the whole way," she said. After getting near the tree he gave her a present which was the final season of MTV's "Newlyweds" and a wedding planning book. Since Maggie knew the diamond had already been purchased, she thought the gift was just a reminder that she couldn't have the ring yet. Then Kyle pulled out the Christmas tree and all her friends.

As for finding the right person to settle down with, Leigh Ann said, "Sometimes you just know."

As for the proposal, Holly, Tim and Leigh Ann all suggested keeping it simple. Tim said, "I proposed in my living room and I think it worked out pretty well."

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Tomorrow in history... February 17

Past 10 Years:

2003: Twenty-one people were killed in Chicago when a fight broke out on the second floor of a night club, causing a stampede.

10 Years Ago:

1992: In Milwaukee, Jeffrey Dahmer, the cannibal serial killer of 17 victims, was sentenced to life in prison. In November 1994, he was beaten to death in prison.

20 Years Ago:

1985: Postage stamp prices were hiked to 22 cents for first-class mail in the U.S.

30 Years Ago:

1972: President Richard M. Nixon departed Washington, D.C. on his historic trip to China. Thousands gathered on the White House lawn for a big send off. What's the big deal, you ask? He was the first U.S. president to go to China, that's what.

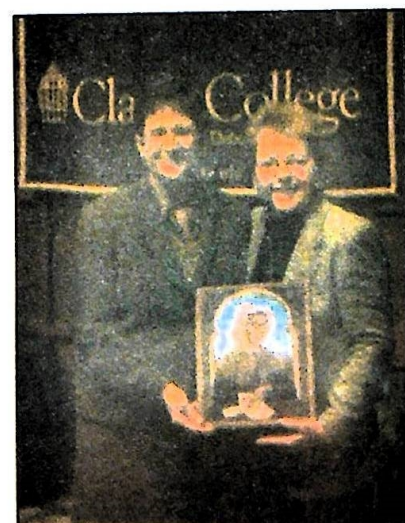
40 Years Ago:

1962: The Beach Boys started making waves with their first Southern California hit, "Surfin'." Their new musical style swept the U.S. like a tidal wave when they hit nationally with "Surfin' Safari" in August of the same year.

50 Years Ago:

1956: Richard Karn was born. Think Tim's flannel-clad assistant on "Home Improvement"...

—ashley zaehringer
staff writer



Catherine Dunn presents future Clarke president Joanne Burrows with a picture of Mary Frances Clarke.

Photo by Richie Miehle

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Newspaper bandit on the loose

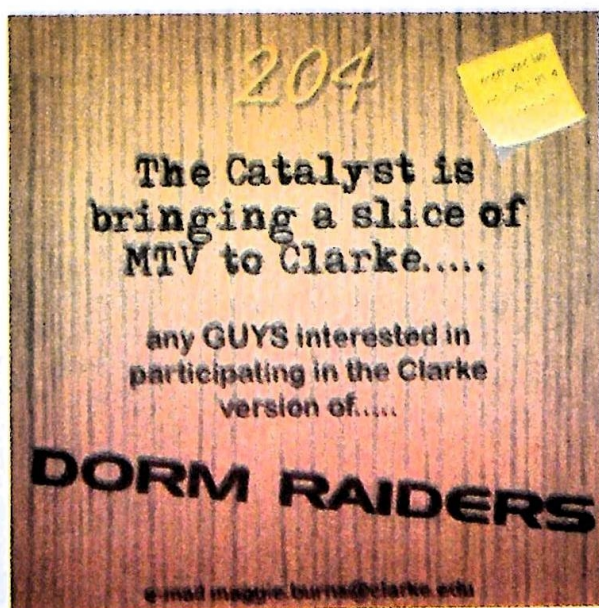
Nearly all of the copies of the Troy University newspaper, "The Tropolitan," for the week of Feb. 13 have gone missing. Although they have no proof, staff members believe their disputed story about police monitoring the popular college website Facebook is the reason behind the missing issues. School officials do not believe any connection exists between the story and the recent theft.

Chocolate frenzy

A Kendall College student downed two pounds of milk chocolate hearts in seven minutes recently to win \$2,500 in a contest sponsored by the International Federation of Competitive Eating. To soften the chocolate between bites, Pat Bertolotti drank warm water. This was not Bertolotti's first eating competition. He is ranked 10th in the nation on the eating circuit and has won \$12,000 to date in prizes.

Podcast Lectures?

Virginia Tech is tapping into the iPod trend with its "Invent the Future" campaign to embrace new technology. The university has started providing podcasts, including ones from a faculty lecture series and a financial aide guide. Other podcasts such as "HokieCast," "PodNews" and "A Touch of Technology" are updated weekly and provide an inside look at research developments as well as updates on Virginia Tech news and events. As of now, the university does not plan on substituting podcasting for class lectures.

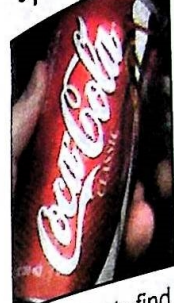


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